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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. Of: KANNER ET AL
Serial No.: 10/036,690
Filed: DECEMBER 21, 2001
For: ADVANCED WOUND SITE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS
AND METHODS
Group: 3731
Examiner: BRADFORD PANTUCK DOCKET: ANG00.03CIP3

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Official Action mailed October 1, 2004. By this Official Action claims 1-75 are pending and stand subject to a restriction/election requirement.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following groups of claims:

- I. Claims 22-30, drawn to a method of stabilizing a wound site, classified in class 606, subclass 213;
- II. Claims 1-21 and 39, drawn to apparatus with sheath and guide wires, classified in class 606, subclass 213;
- III. Claims 31-38, drawn to an apparatus with a guide rod, classified in class 606, subclass 213.

- IV. Claims 40-43 and 64-75, drawn to a device having a sheath, wire guides, and a dilating apparatus, classified in class 606, subclass 213;
- V. Claims 44-63, drawn to an apparatus having two sheaths, classified in class 606, subclass 213.

Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group II, Claims 1-21 and 39, drawn to apparatus with sheath and guide wires.

In the event the Examiner deems personal contact in this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at 603-668-6560.

In the event there are any fee deficiencies or fees are payable, please charge them to our deposit account No. 50-2121.

Respectfully submitted,



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